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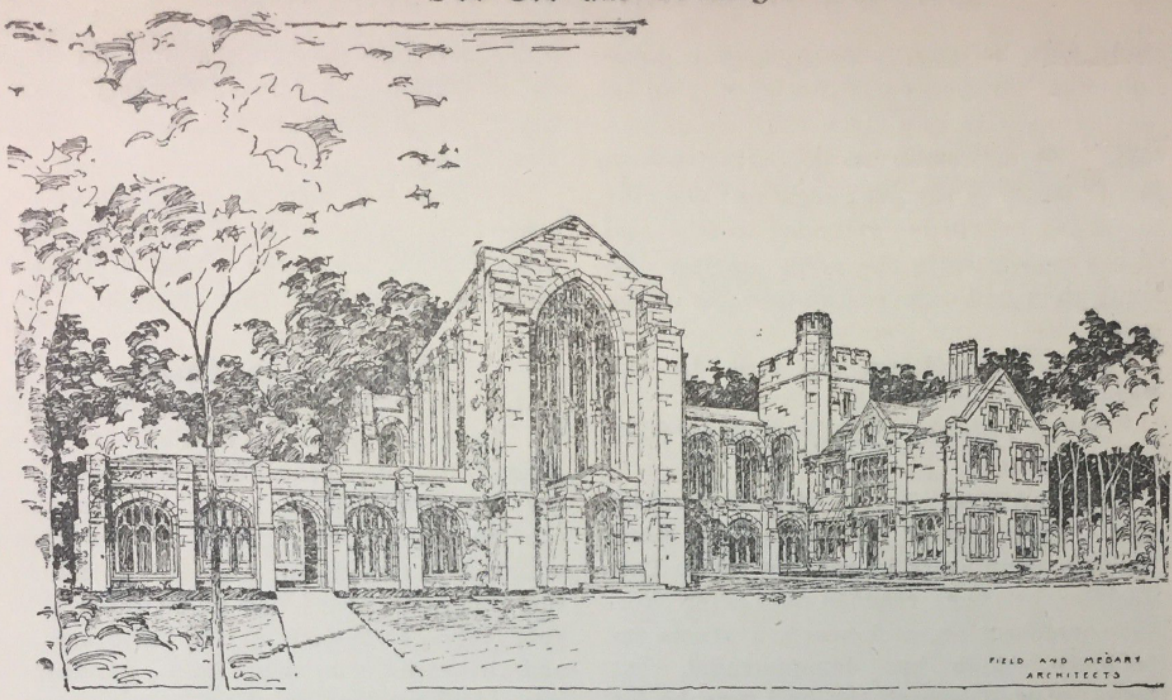

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Library

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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Our Parish House at King-of-Prussia.

December 15, 1911, is a date that will be long remembered by the workers, because on that date the work at King-of-Prussia was put on a new basis. On that day Mr. Burk paid the first month's rent, four dollars, for a room in the old Pawling homestead, now owned by Mr. Cutler, of the King-of-Prussia Inn. On the same day fifty chairs, an organ, and a stove were sent over from the Chapel to begin the furnishing of our King-of-Prussia Parish House.

The furnishing had been delegated to the members of Miss Rahn's class, and the work was carried on with enthusiasm The result was that on the Second Sunday in Advent, December 17, the Sunday School met in its new home, and the first service was held in the evening.

The room was too small, so the adjoining room was secured and as it is separated by large folding doors, we now have admirable quarters for our work and worship. The central location ought to result in larger congregations than we have been able to have in Stewart Fund Hall, where the services have been held.

At the last service in the hall, Mr. Burk spoke of his regret at being compelled to

move, but, he said, a more central location must be secured if the work is to be carried on with any large measure of success. He expressed his deep gratitude to the Trustees of the Stewart Fund Hall for the many courtesies extended to him and to his associates in the work during the years they had enjoyed the free use of the hall.

The following letter was sent to the Trustees by Mr. Burk:

"To the Trustees of Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia.

My Dear Sirs.—It is with deep regret that I have decided to continue our work for this community in another place. This decision has been reached only after careful consideration, and nearly a year's experience which has demonstrated that however well located the hall may be for others, it is not central enough for worshippers.

"You gave us a cordial welcome when we began our work, and during these years you have aided and encouraged us, and on behalf of our congregation, and our Sunday School, I thank you heartily. Your many courtesies to me have been incentives to better work, and I will always remember them with gratitude.

Faithfully yours,

W. HERBERT BURK.

Rector of the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge.

The first Christmas in our Parish House was very happy. The rooms were tastefully decorated with the laurel gathered by Miss Rose Cutler on the Valley Forge hills and with the wreaths made by George Malloy. Mr. Trego had loaned us an excellent stove, and, on this as on other occasions, its cheery glow added to the enjoyment, so that the dreariness of the rainy night was forgotten. The festival was held on Friday night before Christmas, and after the brief opening service, the members of the school gave a very interesting program. With the help of a jolly Santa Claus, the candy and gifts were distributed, and the festival ended in the cordial Christmas greetings among all present. The carols were admirably sung, thanks to the careful training by Miss Mary Pugh.

On Christmas Eve the members of the school went over to the Chapel for the carol service, generous friends having provided a coach for this purpose.

Christmas at the Chapel.

Mrs. Sarah Swift Zulich had charge of the first Christmas decorations at the Chapel, and her beautiful treatment of first the little frame chapel, and then of the real chapel, established a tradition which it is hoped will long live to adorn the House of God. The decorations this year were carried out in the same spirit, and the result was that both buildings were ideal settings for the Christmas services.

These began according to the parish custom with the Children's Festival on Saturday afternoon. Beautiful carols, appropriate recitations, and a visit from Santa Claus made an enjoyable entertainment. Mrs. Zulich always provides the candies, and is both generous and careful, selecting only the best and purest. This year the boxes were especially attractive and their contents delicious.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Burk used the stereopticon to tell the sweet old story. The pictures were copies of the greatest pictures of the Nativity and colored views of Bethlehem. Illustrated hymns, including a solo by Miss Margaret Todd, were used with admirable effect. Both schools were present. The carol service in the Chapel was the climax of the celebration. The two schools marched with the choir into the Chapel, and each sang one of its Christmas carols as a part of the service. The sermon was preached by the rector.

The congregation on Christmas Day was the largest in the history of the parish. The offering was for the Christmas Fund of the Diocese for the Disabled Clergy. The rector preached the sermon, and the music, under the leadership of Miss Hibbs, was excellent.

Massachusetts Day at Valley Forge.

DEDICATION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS MARKER.

[Continued from December No.]

THE VALUE OF VALLEY FORGE.

Valley Forge was the reveille of the army of the United States, the first call for which was sounded by Washington, who demonstrated that public safety required enlistments be made for the war, that confederation under one commander did not mean a crown, that Continental Congresses and Councils of War were inefficient to win campaigns, that unskilled volunteers were no match for well trained veterans, that they cost more, that a standing army was not a thing to be dreaded, that he wished the free holders, the plain people, the independent farmers, the humble school house people to be the advance guard trained under able, experienced commanders, bound to one another, to their officers and their united country until their work was done.

Had Washington's army at Valley Forge been destroyed or scattered, the conquest of the Hudson and the separation of New England from the Middle States would have been an easy task. The Massachusetts troops at Valley Forge were of the foremost actors in the various movements which culminated in that "more perfect union of states" secured by the Federal Constitution. Descent from them is an honorable heritage.

At the occupation of Valley Forge by armed American soldiers from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, on the one part; Virginia, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, and, perhaps, Pennsylvania on the other—it was a question of the establishment of a union of states; of union with liberty; of political existence; of reconciling divergent interests; of filling an abyss; of maintaining an equilibrium and pooling isssues; of creating a mutual community of interests, sympathies and action.

Valley Forge is the place where the crisis menacing the American Republic was averted. The only tie of common sympathy between the sections east of the Hudson, the Middle States, and the Southern, was a coalition to be independent of Great Britain —but there was no concord in the coalition. Had the coalition disintegrated, the isolated elements might have been separately paralyzed by England.

The American soldiers at Valley Forge bivouacked amid December's algid surroundings, without fires, shelter, or food Then they built their own hovels. The camp grounds became a cantonment of huts. These algid men were busy as well as watchful, but not with muskets, and stimulating battles.

Typhoid, dysentery, pneumonia, diphtheria, spotted fever, small-pox, itch and lice were doing their work in the unacclimated regiments.

Muffled drums did not beat as the dead were buried in trenches without identification, three thousand of them. The hospital records, the mortuary records of the Schuylkill Valley region have not been published.

We have the authority of Henry Woodman's journal, published in the Norristown Herald and Free Press, August 14, 1850, for the statement that mortal remains of soldiers were laid at Valley Forge without a stone to mark the spot where their moldering ashes sleep, "but not low in the ground, for they were often buried so near the surface as to be disinterred by hungry swine, and in places where the soil has been washed off, the decaying bones have been presented to view, some of which I have seen within the last thirty years."

The graveyard, Valley Forge, did not give to its dead any markers or headstones. Nothing could more significantly emphasize the misery of the time, the winter of 1777-78, than the fact that no accurate, or even approximate record of deaths at Valley has been found, nor is it known with certainty where the common burial place is located. Of all the hapless victims of the bivouac or camp, but one New England man is known by name and sleeps in an identified grave. This John Waterman monument is the work of the Daughters of the Revolution. A tie that binds Massachusetts to Valley Forge is the fact that several thousands of enlisted men from Massachusetts served there.

The known representation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, between December 19, 1777, and June 19, 1778, by officers from counties and towns in Massachusetts, regiments of the line, Continental army, under the personal command of General George Washington, was as follows:

Barnstable county, five towns, eleven officers; Berkshire county, seventeen towns, thirty-two officers; Bristol county, ten towns, twenty officers; Essex county, sixteen towns, seventy-six officers; Franklin county, five towns, eight officers; Hampden county, nine towns, fifteen officers; Hampshire county, seven towns, ten officers; Middlesex county, twenty-nine towns, seventy-five officers; Norfolk county, eleven towns, twenty-nine officers; Plymouth county, eleven towns, fifty officers; Suffolk county, six towns, eighty-seven officers; Worcester county, thirty towns, sixty-three officers. The province of Maine, then a part of Massachusetts, was represented at Valley Forge by nineteen towns and fifty-eight officers. Other states: Connecticut, five towns; New Hampshire, three towns; New York, three towns; Rhode Island, two towns; Maryland, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Virginia, one town each; total for "other states" seventeen towns. There were in the Massachusetts regiments at Valley Forge: from France four officers; unplaced, thirty-two officers.

This gives a total of five hundred and ninety-one officers, ranging in rank from ensign to general, representing one hundred

and seventy-five towns and cities of Massachusetts.

An interesting feature of the program was the unveiling of the screen of the Presidents' Pew. As the Phoenix Military Band played "America," the Hon. Frank Goodwin unveiled this magnificent memorial of Washington and his Major Generals at Valley Forge. The pew screen is the gift of Mrs. William Henry Pearson, of Massachusetts, whose family arms are carved in the shield at the base, and who thus commemorates her ancestors. It is of oak, elaborately carved and decorated, and is so full of historic interest that we withhold a description of it in order to give it the space it deserves in the next issue of the Chronicle.

General Reade at the close of the program offered a resolution of thanks to Mr. Burk for the use of the Chapel, and this was adopted by a rising vote.

In responding to the expression of thanks, Dean Burk said:

"Washington has been well called the Father of his Country. The Washington Memorial Chapel dedicated to his memory, must be as comprehensive in its character as his national fatherhood. Here all American patriots must feel at home, and so you are here to-day not through privilege, but of right. We rejoice in your presence to-day and our welcome is only the welcome home."

The program concluded with "The Star Spangled Banner" and "taps" by the Phoenix Military Band, and the benediction by the chaplain of the day.

Following the exercises a luncheon was served at the Washington Inn.

The delegates from Massachusetts included the following:

Mrs. Edward T. Raymond, Mrs. James H. McInerney, Mrs. Eva M. Chickering, Councillor The Honorable J. Stearns Cushing, Councillor The Honorable Charles O. Brightman, Honorable Seward W. Jones, Major Robert E. Green, Aide-de-Camp Honorable Arthur S. Adams, Honorable Joseph H. Hibbard, Representative Ernest A. Witt, Representative James W. Beam, Representative James H. McInerney, Representative Thomas W. White, Representative Harry A. Pennyman, Representative George H. Stevens, Representative Allen Clark, Reperesentative Benjamin F. Haines, James W. Kimball, Sergeant Major William R. Mahoney, Mr. Charles Richardson, Mr. William White, Mr. T. Julian Silsby, Major Horace Perry Williams, Mr. Webster Bruce, Honorable Frank Goodwin, Sergeant - at - Arms Thomas Franklin Pedrick, Mrs. Samuel Crowell, Dr. Samuel Crowell, Commissioner; Charles Irving Thayer, Esq., Commissioner; Brigadier General Philip Reade, U. S. Army, chairman Massachusetts Valley Forge Military Monument Commission.

The following comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic were also present:

John Edward Gilman, A. P. Dickson, Charles T. Holt, John B. Fisher, Daniel E. Denny, Charles H. Johnson, James Beatty, J. P. Heath, W. J. Anderson, P. H Jellison, C. W. N. Sanborn, James Anderson, John H. Dusseault, Alfred S. Roe, Charles H. Baker, John F. Chamberlain, Lewis G. Holt, Charles H. Shaw, Charles W. Sloper.

A Valley Forge Sabre.

Mr. William H. Boone, of Pottstown, has presented to the Museum one of the most interesting relics ever found on the camp ground. This is a sabre with a blade 44 inches long and curved more than usual. The guard is very large. Nothing remains of the handle and the sabre is very much rusted from its long exposure. It was plowed up some years ago on the site of Huntington's brigade.

The Moving.

The rector will move into the Lodge of the Defenders' Gate on Thursday, January 18. The Guild will have charge of the moving and all members of the congregation are cordially invited. The dinner will be served in the Parish House.

Washington Memorial Chapel,
Valley Forge, Pa.

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Calendar.
Sundays.

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Holy Communion, First Sunday.
At Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia:
9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7.30 P. M. Service and Sermon.

JANUARY.

21. Third Sunday after Epiphany.
25. Conversion of St. Paul.
9.30 a. m. Holy Communion.
28. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

FEBRUARY.

2. Presentation of Christ in the Temple.
9.30 a. m. Holy Communion.
4. Septuegesima Sunday.
7. 2.30 p. m. Meeting of the Guild.
11. Sexagesima Sunday.
12. Lincoln's Birthday.

PARISH REGISTER.

BURIAL.

Jan. 8. Mary J. Murray.

The Vestry met at the Chapel on Tuesday evening, January 2. Mr. Clayland S. Walker and Mr. Nathan Hughes were appointed a committee to select a janitor. The question of heating the Chapel was taken into consideration, and it was decided to secure bids for an indirect heating system, as it was the judgment of the Vestry that the Chapel ought not to be marred by radiators. The rector proposed a plan for the safe-guarding of the Endowment Funds, and he and Mr. Frank Quigg were appointed a committee to prepare an agreement to effect this. The endowments amount to over $4000.

Services on Holy Day.

The rector began the New Year by institution of Holy Day services. On the Feast of the Circumcism there were two services, with three persons at the first and eight at the second. There were five present on the Feast of the Epiphany. This is a very good showing, when all things are taken into consideration. To give more an opportunity to attend, the services will be at 9.30 a. m.

The January Guild meeting will be held at the home of Miss Mary Hibbs, 810 West Airy street, Norristown, Pa., on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 2.30.

The Memorial Bridge.

Teh following article appeared in the Norristown Herald, January 2, 1912, and will be read with the keenest interest by our readers:

SULLIVAN'S BRIDGE.

Wiliam Henry Wetherill, Hon. Irving P. Wanger and Dr. Willoughby H. Reed, representing the Historical Society of Montgomery county, are this afternoon holding a conference with Mr. A. H. Moss, superintendent of the Schuylkill Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with reference to the character and location of structures upon the site of the bridge erected by General Sullivan under orders of Washington, which will enable the crossing beneath the Schuylkill Valley R. R. tracks, crossing of the river, and the overhead crossing of the tracks of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway; and thence winding by gentle curves and grades to the driveways of Valley Forge Park, with a branch road leading to Washington Memorial Chapel Cemetery.

The site of this bridge, etc., is practically upon the line of Washington Lane and the original Sullivan's bridge, and passes the easterly boundary of the grounds of the Protectory. From a point south of the historic Wetherill mansion a new highway will be constructed passing Protectory station easterly in the direction of the Betz cottage, which for a few years past has been the summer home of Mr. John D. Newbold and family.

The cost of the proposed improvement will be in the neighborhood of $250,000, divided between the State of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania and Reading Railway companies and the county of Montgomery.

The structures will be such as to enable their use by trolley cars, upon whose gross receipts there will be a charge of a small percentage in favor of the Valley Forge Park Commission, which will assure a permanent revenue for the upkeep of the park and the relief of the State in that respect.

As a result of to-day's conference the engineering features and general designs of the project are expected to be available very soon.

The Church Kalendar.

The Church Kalendar for 1912, published by the Ashby Printing Co., of Erie, Pa., is of the greatest interest to all friends of the Washington Memorial. The Rev. Francis T. H. Finn planned a Chapel Calendar when he was engaged in the work and succeeded in securing a large amount of original material for it. Unfortunately lack of time and funds prevented the publication of the Calendar.

The Church Kalendar has steadily grown in popular favor, as it is ornamental and useful. It gives the dates, the church days, with the proper color, and, under the pad, the lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

The ecclesiastical character of the Kalendar is emphasized by the cut. In 1910 the illustration was the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York city, and this year it is the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, Washington, D. C.

The new Kalendar bears the familiar cut of the Washington Memorial Chapel. A brief account of the Chapel and adjoining buildings is given on the back. This helps to an intelligent appreciation of the purpose and scope of the memorial.

The Kalendar is most attractive, and the publishers deserve a great deal of credit for their admirable work, and also for their efforts to make more popular the notable church undertakings of the day. Friends of the Chapel should use these Kalendars as gifts, and their moderate price, only twenty-five cents, makes it possible to use a number of them.

The Washington Chapel Cemetery.

Work on the drive has gone very slowly, but at last it is possible to drive from the entrance at the Defenders' Gate to the Chapel, passing under the Vir-

ginia Arch. Much grading must be done along the sides of the road, but this is not included in the present contract. Mr. Frank Quigg has secured from the officials of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway permission for the removal of such trees as Mr. Sears may designate in order to open up vistas of the river.

So far no effort has been made to sell lots, and yet lots to the value of $1450 have been taken. Several of these have not been located, as only a few of the lots have been staked off. As soon as the grading is done the surveyors can lay out three or four of the lot groups.

Bound Volumes of the "Chronicle."

A few bound volumes of the Chronicle are ready for delivery and may be obtained from Miss Emma W. Crawford, Devon, Pa., at one dollar a volume. Three volumes have been published. These contain a large amount of information about Valley Forge, and the set should be owned by those who are interested in local history. As the editions of the Chronicle are small, and many copies are lost, the complete sets will rapidly advance in price. In fact it will soon be impossible to obtain volume one at any price.

The volumes are bound in blue cloth, and on this the title is printed. As the cut and text are printed in red, the binding gives the national colors. The work was done in the Herald bindery, and the binding was designed by Mr. Warren.

The regular monthly meeting of the Guild was held in Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia, Wednesday, December sixth. There were eight members present. Following the usual order of business came a report from the Martha Washington Guild which was most encouraging. They paid for a barrel of oil for lighting the Chapel and assisted with expenses of the boiler. Miss Hibbs reported that the Women's Auxiliary had given $20 for Mr. Burk's transportation to the King-of-Prussia services. The Guild further decided to pay the $25 for convocation when due—and further to increase their monthly allowance for current expenses. The question of fire extinguishers came before the Guild and it was thought advisable to purchase four. Mrs. Summerill and Miss Stroud were appointed a committee to take charge of the Chapel silver and tea cloths. Miss Hibbs offered her home for the next Guild meeting on Wednesday, January 3rd.

Washington's Personal Appearance.

"He may be described as being as straight as an Indian, measuring six feet two inches in his stockings, and weighing 175 pounds when he took his seat in the H. of B. 1759. His frame is padded with well developed muscle indicating great strength. His bones and joints are large, as are his feet and hands. He is wide shouldered, but has not a deep or round chest; is neat waisted, but is broad across the hips, and has rather long legs and arms. His head is well shaped though not large, but is gracefully poised, on a superb neck, a large and straight rather than a prominent nose; blue-gray penetrating eyes, which were widely separated and overhung by heavy brows. His face is rather long than broad, with round cheek bones, and terminates in a good firm chin. He had a clean though rather colorless pale skin, which burns with the sun. A pleasing, benevolent, though commanding countenance, dark brown hair, which he wears in a cue. His mouth is large and generally firmly closed, but which from time to time discloses some defective teeth. His features are regular and placid, with all the muscles of his face under perfect control."

Captain George Mercer, quoted in "George Washington Day by Day."

A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK

Printed by Courtesy of Its late Owner, Mr. George Clifford Thomas.

Head Quarters Valley Forge, Feb'ry 22, 1778.
Major General.....Lord Sterling
Brigadier General.....Woodford
Field Officers.....Lt. Colo. Bassett, Major Hull
Brigade Major.....Bailey

The Commissary General to keep the camp well suppli'ed with Rice for the use of the sick if rice cannot be had Indian meal to be provided in its place and as this is an article that can at all times and under all circumstances be had no excuse will be admitted for their neglect. he is every munday to make returns of all his Issues in the course of the week and of his stock on hand in camp, and on the 1st day of every Month the Issues in the month Preceeding are to be carefully made out and forwarded to the Commissary Genl. who is to return the whole in one view as soon after as possible to the Commander in Chief. A monthly return is allso to be made of the Quantity of Provisions and other articles in the Commissary's department.

The Regimental Surgeons are desired to be more punctual in making return of their sick to the Chief Surgeon of the Flying Hospital every Monday.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

The Colonial Dames.

On Wednesday, December 27, the Rev. Mr. Burk delivered his illustrated lecture on "Valley Forge" before the Society of the Colonial Dames in New York city. General and Mrs. Ripley entertained the society, and a reception followed the lecture. The society will place a memorial in the Chapel, but what it will be has not been decided. There was a strong feeling that the members should make the effort to build the New York Bay in the Cloister of the Colonies.

The Endowment of the Washington Memorial Library.

During the year 1911, George Barrie & Sons have paid into the Endowment Fund of the Washington Memorial Library five hundred and fifty dollars. This amount has been raised by them in connection with their sale of the Washington Memorial edition of their history of North America. Since the beginning of the new year they have paid fifty dollars, so the Endowment Fund of the Library is now six hundred dollars.

The Superintendent of the Valley Forge Park Commission.

The election of Mr. Samuel F. Hartranft to succeed the late W. H. Bowen as Superintendent of the Valley Forge Park has met with hearty approval. Mr. Hartranft is admirably fitted for his work. He is a man of varied experience, and will bring to his new position gifts which will prove him to be the right man in the right place.

One hundred and twenty students from Girard College recently visited Valley Forge. The day was bleak, as the students were brought out with the intent that they may see the place as the patriots of '77 and '78 saw it. The Rev. Mr. Burk welcomed them to the Chapel and made a brief address. The students used the Parish House for their luncheon, and then started for a tramp over the encampment.

The working chapter of the Guild will meet frequently after the holidays to sew on aprons, rag carpet, etc. They are anxious for more orders and hope the readers of the Chronicle will renew their interest in the work of this chapter. Orders may be sent Mrs. Chas. Wells Walker, Devon, Pa.; Mrs. S. Col. Summerill, Port Kennedy, Pa., or any member of the Guild. The work of the chapter needs no recommendation.